

by the Education Committee, you will see there was a very large number of people who testified on this bill, many of them young people, many of them from rural areas. The threat of discussion that went throughout all the testimony was the absence in their education of information and knowledge about other groups. One young white man described how he had been an all state football player on a team in outstate Nebraska and there was a Filipino member of the team that when they would take the field, people in the stands would call him Chink, nigger and other types of racial slurs and he was telling about how badly it made him feel, but then he asked himself the question as to whether or not he would not have been joining those people in those slurs had the person not been his personal friend and thereby given him some understanding that the others did not have. The individual who is very instrumental in this bill being before us today is a man who was named teacher of the year, I believe it was last year, Jim Kubik, who was a teacher in Norfolk High School. I've gone out on occasion to appear at what they call, I want to call it confrontation night, something like speak out, where individuals will address towns persons and anybody else who wants to be present. So after one of those sessions that dealt with racism, teacher Kubik became aware even more keenly than he had been before of the types of things and attitudes that people had. There were remarks heard in the corridors of the school, on the grounds and the types of things which he said disgusted him and he would not sit still any longer. With money from his own pocket, he began to prepare a course of instruction that he would teach at Norfolk High School, then he began to appreciate the value of this type of education throughout the state. Others in the realm of education from various social agencies and groups and churches have joined in supporting this legislation. My understanding is that Senator Beutler has an amendment which would make it clear that the implementation of this bill is not going to impose more hours of teaching or things of that kind, but I will let him speak to his amendment. If you have any questions, I will be glad to answer them, but I want to say just a little bit more about the need for this kind of legislation. Since I took issue with some comments written by a Nebraska editor describing certain articles of food as niggertoes and niggerteats, I've been receiving scurrilous mail from white people throughout the state, calling me some of every kind of thing they can think of while showing me that this man is not a racist and that there is no racism in Nebraska. When my phone is answered by myself and my staff, there not only are racial slurs but threats of physical violence and this is not